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REV. DR. TALMAGE PREACHES A SERMON FULL OF HOPE.

Help For the Hopeless Through the Name of Christ—The Need of Sympathy—Fulfillment of a Great Promise—A Mighty Gathering.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—This sermon found the note of triumph, a note that all will be glad to hear in these times, when so many are uttering and writing journals of discouragement. Dr. Talmage took as his text Genesis xlii, 19, "Unto him shall the gathering of the people be."

Through a supernatural lens, or what I might call a prophetic eye, Jacob looks down through the corridors of the centuries until he sees Christ the center of all popular attraction and the greatest being in all the world, so everywhere acknowledged. It was not always so. The world tried hard to put him down and to put him out. In the year 1800, while excavating for antiquities 33 miles northwest of Rome, a copper plate tablet was found containing the death warrant of the Lord Jesus Christ, reading in this wise:

"In the year 17 of the empire of Tiberius Caesar, and on the 25th of March, I, Pontius Pilate, governor of the Province, condemn Jesus of Nazareth to lead between two thieves, Quintus Cornelius to die him forth to the place of execution."

So far as the world was concerned, the death warrant was signed by several. First, by Daniel, rabbi, Pharisee, secondly, by Johannes, rabbi, thirdly, by Raphael, fourthly, by Capri, a private citizen. This capital punishment was executed according to law. The name of the thief crucified on the right hand side of Christ was Dismas; the name of the thief crucified on the left hand side of Christ was Gestas. Pontius Pilate, describing the tragedy, says the whole world lighted candles from noon until night. Thirteen years of martyrdom. They ascribe his birth to his death and his death to his resurrection. A wall of the city, built about these times and recently exposed by archaeologists, shows a caricature of Jesus Christ, evidencing the contempt in which he was held by many in his day—that caricature on the wall representing a cross and a donkey nailed to it, and under it the inscription, "This is the Christ whom the people worship." But I rejoice that that day is gone by. Our Christ is coming out from under the world's abuse. The most popular name on earth today is the name of Christ. Where he had one friend Christ has a thousand friends. The world has become the workshop. Of the 30 most celebrated infidels in Great Britain on our day 16 have come back to Christ, trying to undo the blamable mischief of their lives—16 out of the 30. Every man who writes a letter or signs a document, unwittingly or unwittingly, honors Jesus Christ. We date everything as B. C. or A. D.—B. C., before Christ; A. D., Anno Domini, in the year of our Lord. All the ages of history on the pivot of the upright beam of the cross of the Son of God, B. C., A. D. is not as what you call him—whether Conqueror, or King, or Morning Star, or Sun of Righteousness, or Balm of Gilead, or Lebanon Cedar, or Brother or Friend, or take the name used in the verse from which I take my text, and call him Shiloh, which means his Son, or the Translocator, or the Peace-maker, Shiloh, I only want to tell you that "unto him shall the gathering of the people be."

In the first place, the people are gathered around Christ for pardon. No sensible man or healthful ambitious man is without a sin. A foul stain on his soul may think he is all right. A sensible man knows he is not. I do not care who the thoughtful man is, the review of his life-time behavior before God and man gives to him no especial satisfaction. "Oh," he says, "I have been a bad man, but I have done good. I must somehow get things readjusted; I must somehow have the past reconstructed; there are days and months and years which cry out against me in horrible vociferation." Ah, my brother, Christ adjusts the past by obliterating it. He does not erase the record of our misdoing with a dash of ink from a register's pen, but lifting his right hand, crushed, red at the palm, he puts it against his bleeding brow, and then against his pierced side, and with the crimson accusation of all those who have sinned he rubs out the accuser's chapter. He blots out our iniquities. Oh, never be anxious about the future; better be anxious about the past. I put it not at the end of my sermon; I put it at the front—mercy and pardon through Shiloh, the sin pardoner, Christ. "Unto him shall the gathering of the people be." "Oh," says some man, "I have for 40 years been as bad as I could be, and is there any mercy for me?" Mercy for you. "Oh," says some one, "I had a grand ancestry, the loftiest of fathers, the tenderest of mothers, and for my perfidy there is no excuse. Do you think there is any mercy for me?" Mercy for you. "But," says another man, "I fear I have committed what they call the unpardonable sin, and the only way to atone for it is to die. I am not able to be forgiven and I am going to the world to come. Do you think there is any mercy for me?" The fact that you have any solicitude about the matter at all proves positively that you have not committed the unpardonable sin. Mercy for you! Oh, the grace of God which brings salvation!

For the Worst Sinners.

The grace of God! Let us take the surveyor's chain and try to measure God's mercy through Jesus Christ. Let one surveyor take that chain and go to the north, and another surveyor take that chain and go to the south, and another surveyor take that chain and go to the west, and then make a report of the square miles of that vast kingdom of God's mercy. Aye, you will have to wait to all eternity for the report of that measurement. It cannot be measured. Paul tried to climb the height of it, and he went higher, ever height, altitude above altitude, mountain above mountain, then sank down in discouragement and gave it up, for he saw Sierra Nevada beyond and Matterhorn beyond, and waving his hands back to us in the plains he says, "Past finding out; unsearchable, that in all things he might have the pre-eminence." You notice that nearly all the sinners mentioned as pardoned in the Bible were great sinners—David a great sinner, Paul a great sinner, Rahab a great sinner, Magdalene a great sinner, the Prodigal Son a great sinner. The world easily understood how Christ could pardon a half and half sinner, but what the world wants to be persuaded of is that Christ will forgive the worst sinner, the basest sinner, the oldest sinner, the most inexcusable sinner. To the sin pardoner Shiloh let all the gathering of the people be.

But, I remark again, the people will

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in 300 years, 1,000 worlds have disappeared. I do not see why infidels find it so hard to believe that two worlds stood in Joshua's time, when the astronomers tell us that 1,500 worlds have stopped. Even the moon is a world in ruins. Stellar, lunar, solar catastrophes innumerable. But it seems as if the most sorrowful have been reserved for our world. By one stroke of the world at Tiberius, of 13,000 inhabitants will 26 people be swept. By one stroke of the world at Lisbon in five minutes 60,000 perished and 800,000 before the earth stopped rocking. A mountain falls in Switzerland, burying the village of Goldau. A mountain falls in Italy in the night, when 2,000 people are asleep, and they never arouse. By a convulsion of the earth Japan broken off from China. By a convulsion of the earth the Caribbean Sea is broken off from America. Three islands near the mouth of the Ganges, with 340,000 inhabitants—a great surge of the sea breaks over them, and 114,000 perish that day. Alas, alas, for our poor world. It has been recently discovered that a whole continent has sunk, a continent that connected Europe and America, part of the inhabitants of that continent going to Europe, part coming to America over the tablelands of Mexico, up through the valleys of the Mississippi, and we are finding now the remains of their mounds and their cities in Mexico, in Colorado, and the tablelands of the west. It is a matter of demonstration that a whole continent has gone down, the Azores off the coast of Spain only the highest mountains of that sunken continent. Plato described that continent, the fountain of the Nile, the multitude of its inhabitants, its splendor and its awful destruction, and the world thought it was a romance, but archaeologists have found out it was history, and the English and the German and the American fleets have gone forth with archeological and military Challenger and the Dolphin and the Gazelle have dropped anchor, and in deep sea soundings they have found the contour of that sunken continent.

All to Christ.

Oh, there is trouble marked on the rocks, on the sea, on the sky, on the land, and the famous astronomer from the geological trouble, oceanic trouble, political trouble, domestic trouble—and standing in the presence of all those stupendous devastations, I ask if I am not right in saying that the great work of this age and all ages is divine sympathy and omnipotent comfort, and they are found not in the Brahmin of the Hindu or the Allah of the Mohammedan, but in the Christ unto whom shall the gathering of the people be. Other worlds may fall, but this world will never be blasted from the heavens. The earth may quake, but this rock of ages will never be shaken from its foundations. The same Christ who fed the 5,000 will feed all the world's hunger. The same Christ who cured Bartimeus will illumine all blindness. The same Christ who made the dumb speak will put on every tongue a language. The same Christ who awoke Lazarus from the sarcophagus will yet rally all the pious dead in glorious resurrection. "I know that my Redeemer liveth," and that "to him shall the gathering of the people be." Ah, my friends, when Christ starts thoroughly and quickly to lift this miserable wreck of a sunken world, it will not take him long to lift it.

I have thought that this particular age in which we live may be given up to disaster and ruin, which through quick and instantaneous communication all cities and all communities and all lands will be brought together, and then in another period perhaps these inventions which have been used for worldly purposes will be brought out for the benefit of the world, and some great prophet of the Lord will come and snatch the mysterious, sublime and marvellous telephone from the hand of commerce, and all lands and kingdoms connected by a wondrous web of sympathetic communication, through telephonic communication, in an instant announce to all nations pardon and sympathy and life through Jesus Christ, and then, putting the wondrous tube to the ear of the Lord's prophet, the response shall come back, "I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son."

You and I may not live to see the day. I think those of us who are over 40 years of age can scarcely expect to see the day. I expect that those of us who are over 40 years of age will be in the hammock, or the old gospel ship as it goes sailing on. But Christ will wake us up in time to see the achievement. We who have sinned in the hot harvest fields will be at the door of the garner when the sheaves come in. Christ will wake us up in time to see the achievement. We who have sinned in the hot harvest fields will be at the door of the garner when the sheaves come in. Christ will wake us up in time to see the achievement. We who have sinned in the hot harvest fields will be at the door of the garner when the sheaves come in.

A Variety of Demons.

Oh, there is something beautiful in sympathy—in manly sympathy, wisely sympathy, motherly sympathy, yea, and brotherly sympathy. Why was it that a city was aroused with excitement when a little child was kidnapped from one of the streets? Why were whole columns of the newspapers filled with the story of a little child? It was because we are all one in sympathy, and every parent said: "How if it had been my little child? How if it had been my Mary? How if it had been my Maud? How if it had been my child? How if there had been one unoccupied pillow on our trundle bed tonight? How if my little one—bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh—were tonight carried captive into some den of vagabonds, never to come back to me? How if it had been my sorrow looking out of the window, watching and waiting—that sorrow worse than death? Then, when they found her, why did we declare the news all through the households, and everybody that knew how to pray say, "Thank God!" Because we are all one, bound by one great golden chain of sympathy. Oh, yes, but I have to tell you that if you will aggregate all sympathy, it will be found only a poor starling thing compared with the sympathy of our great Shiloh, who has held in his lap the sorrows of the ages, and who is ready to nurse on his holy heart the woes of all who will come to him. Oh, what a God, what a Saviour we have!

But in larger vision see the nations in some kind of trouble ever since the world was derailed and hurled down the embankments. The demon of sin came to this world, and other demons have gone through other worlds. The demon of sin, flagrant, the demon of volcanic disturbance, the demon of destruction.

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I will state, however, so as not to mislead any one, that the photographing or seeing in darkness does not give the same result as in daylight when obtained by the present well known means. Some parts do not seem to appear as well; sometimes seem to be curiously disclosed, even in some cases when covered by other substances. Electricity has not a little to do with my process, but I would rather not tell to what extent for the present. I may conclude by reminding the reader that many animals can see in darkness. The owl and others of the feline family, the cat, the dog and even the horse to some extent, are examples of it. Man has already outdone animals in other respects. Why could he not do it also in this one?

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An average of 200 cigarettes apiece a year for the whole male population of the country above the age of 18 gives a fair idea not only of the consumption of cigarettes, which is now almost stationary in volume, but also of the manufacture of cigarettes, which is practically limited to three states. At the head of all others come New York, which manufactures in 1900 more than 1,000,000,000 cigarettes consumed—1,800,000,000. Then come Virginia, with a record last year of 825,000,000, and third North Carolina, with 2,500,000, and the North Carolina factories, by far the largest part of the North Carolina tobacco crop goes for cigarettes. This is not true of any state except Virginia.

The number of cigars manufactured in the United States last year, including, of course, those sold to be "imported," was 400,000,000, and as the head of all the states in the manufacture of these was Pennsylvania, New York coming second, Ohio third, Illinois fourth, and Florida (Key West) fifth. It is encouraging for New Yorkers to know that, although Pennsylvania made more cigars than this state, New York used more tobacco in hers. Kentucky raises an enormous amount of tobacco, but does not use very much of it for manufacturing purposes, Kentucky tobacco being sent to other states. The Kentucky tobacco crop last year was 190,000,000 pounds, of which less than 900,000 pounds were manufactured in the state. Connecticut, too, raises much tobacco and manufactures little. Eighteen pounds of tobacco are required for 1,000 cigarettes and 3½ pounds of tobacco for 1,000 cigars.—New York Sun.

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